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For all of us the door to the past is closed forever and can never be reopened. That is a very good thing for some, because the past holds painful memories of mistakes we made that pulled us away from God and His will for us. For others, the past holds pleasant memories. (Yet even pleasant memories are sometimes painful because we know we cannot bring the “good old days” back and re-live them.) Still others find it hard to leave the past, whether good or bad. The amazing thing is, even those times we thought were good, after careful reflection were only as good as we remember them to be.

The mind is often selective when it comes to the events of our past. The experiences we remember helped to shape and make us into the people we are today.

Just as the door to the past can only be relived in our memories, the door to the future is only accessed moment-by-moment through the present. Often we imagine what it would be like if we had a crystal ball that would give us the power to penetrate the darkness that shrouds the future. As we get older, however, we learn the value of taking one day at a time!

Only the present is ours. Yet we dare not live just for the moment. The past has shaped us and will have an impact on how we make decisions today or

tomorrow. In the frail, mortal bodies that we dwell in, an accident, unexpected illness, the actions of a friend or enemy, or even some event in a remote part of the world may dramatically change our future.

I know that this has not made any of us feel better in a world of uncertainties. But here are two things we can know for certain: At some point in time — days, weeks, months, or years from now — we will breathe our final breath. The other thing we can know for certain is this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Our faith in that fact can give us the assurance to face whatever the future brings.

Rest in the comfort of knowing the joy we will experience when we see our Savior face

to face will be like nothing we could ever imagine, for He shall wipe all our tears away (Revelation 21:4). This may seem unrealistic if you’re not a Believer, and that’s OK! I want you to know why this joy is possible. Just click on this [link](#).

Because our God holds the future,

Dr. L.W. Edwards



HAVE NO FEAR: JUPITER IS HERE

It's faster than a speeding bullet, only thousands of times larger and deadlier. At any moment, it could come whizzing into Earth's atmosphere and take out your house. Or your city. It's a bird; it's a plane; it's . . . an asteroid? On July 25, 2019, news agencies reported a near-miss by what scientists dubbed a "city-killer" asteroid. OK 2019 is estimated to be between 148 and 427 feet wide. It sped past Earth at nearly 15 miles per second — so fast NASA's Near-Earth Object trackers didn't see it coming until several hours beforehand. The asteroid came within 43,500 miles of Earth. (For perspective, that's closer than the moon.)

Had Asteroid OK 2019 struck Earth, it would have had the force of 30 nuclear bombs. Death estimates are in the tens of thousands.

The Jupiter Effect

Why don't we have more close calls like this? Here's the short answer: Jupiter. According to Professor Brian Cox on BBC's television series, *The Planets*, "Without Jupiter we wouldn't be here . . . because for objects heading towards the Earth from the far reaches of the solar system, Jupiter's gravitational field acts as a shield."

The planet Jupiter is like a cosmic vacuum cleaner in space. When objects speed through the solar system toward the sun, Jupiter draws them to itself and consumes them. The tidal forces of its strong gravitational pull break comets and meteors into fragments which penetrate its gaseous atmosphere. There, they are engulfed in flames and destroyed, neutralizing their threat to Earth.

Even with all of Jupiter's planet-saving heroics, many of us back here on Earth still live in fear of worst-case, end-of-the-world scenarios which never play out. We visualize our jobs, homes, families, finances, or future burning up in a Doomsday context because an unforeseen asteroid suddenly burst into our world. The pressures of life often make it easy to feel like nothing stands between us and utter chaos.

God Is Like Jupiter

A proper perspective is essential. The time we spend fretting would be better spent if we realized we never stand directly in the path of impact. As Jupiter absorbs the brunt of the space projectiles which speed toward Earth, so God absorbs every situation we encounter in life. Nothing gets by Him and affects us without His knowledge or consent.

This does not mean our time on Earth will be without

pain, stress, suffering, tragedy, or disappointment — Job lost his wealth, family, and health in a matter of days. Joseph was sold into slavery, falsely accused, and imprisoned. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den. Jesus was crucified. Paul was beheaded. Most of the other apostles were murdered. Good people sometimes experience dark, fearful circumstances.

Why Having a Personal "Jupiter" Matters

At the surface, it might not seem like having a God who knows and consents to everything we experience in life makes any difference. Here's why it matters: God is good, kind, loving, and just. Because of these attributes, He spares us from the things which are too great for us to bear. When He allows difficulties and pain, His attributes become the filter through which we experience these hardships. We can take courage in knowing even though everything is not good, it is all for our benefit and His glory. This puts us in a position of daily dependence upon Him. As we grow to trust . . . [Full Article](#)



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